

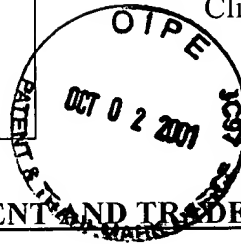
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In re application of:

PAUL A. PRICE and JULIA S. JOHANSEN

Application No.: 09/164,862

Filed: 10/01/1998

For: **YKL-40 AS A MARKER AND
PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR
CANCERS**

Examiner: Lin Sun-Hoffman, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) A copy of the revocation and substitute power of attorney with change in correspondence address.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 48 and 53.

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

1. A method for estimating survival expectancy of a cancer patient, said method comprising:
 - (a) obtaining a biological sample comprising YKL-40 from a cancer patient having at least a preliminary diagnosis of a cancer selected from the group consisting of a lung cancer, a